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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application.

Pursuant to the waiving of the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. references cited in the attached form PTO-1449 are not enclosed.

It is applicants' belief that none of the citations described in the enclosed PTO-1449 are that which is claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the issuance of the first Office Action based on the merits, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

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CUSTOMER NO.: 27623 Sheet _ 1_ of _ 1_ **FORM PTO-1449** Docket Number (Optional) Application Number 637.0033USX 10/779,516 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CENTION Applicant IN AN APPLICATION Udo Dinger et al. Filing Date Group Art Unit (Use several sheets if necessary) February 13, 2004 2878 **U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS EXAMINER** FILING DATE IF INITIAL DOCUMENT DATE NAME **SUBCLASS CLASS** APPROPRIATE NUMBER 2001/0028518 10/11/01 Kaiser 359 883 2002/0114089 8/22/02 Dinger et al. 359 853 D322,813 12/31/91 Wilson D19 88 2,326,059 Nordberg 8/3/43 106 52 5,070,045 12/3/91 Comte et al. 501 4 5,591,682 1/7/97 Goto 501 4 6,198,793 3/6/01 Schultz et al. 378 34 6,244,717 6/12/01 Dinger 359 859 6,377,655 4/23/02 Murakami et al. 378 84 FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS Translation **DOCUMENT** DATE COUNTRY CLASS **SUBCLASS** YES NO NUMBER 0 955 565 A2 11/10/99 Europe Х 198 30 449 A1 1/27/00 Germany X 199 03 807 A1 11/11/99 Germany Х 199 07 038 A1 8/31/00 Germany Х 199 23 609 A1 12/2/99 Germany Х 04367538 A 12/18/92 Japan Х 2000247681 A 9/12/00 Japan Х OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.) XP-000991487 Mask Substrate Requirements and Development for Extreme Ultraviolet Lithography (EUVL), by Tong et al., and Lawrence Livermore Nat'l Lab., Motorola, and Intel Corp., (9/99), SPIE Vol. 3873, pgs 421-428. XP-008012782 Experiences in the Precision Machining of Grazing Incidence X-Ray Mirror Substrates, by McKeown et al., from Cranfield Unit for Precision Engineering and Cranfield Institute of Technology. (1985), SPIE Vol. 571, Large Optics Technology, pgs 42-50 Mirror Subtrates for EUV-Lithography: Progress in Metrology and Optical Fabrication Technology, by Dinger et al., (2000), SPIE Vol. 4146, pgs 35-46 EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through

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